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From: Bob Celaya, Forest Health Specialist

RE: 2008 Western Bark Beetle Initiative (WBBi) Grant Application

The Arizona State Forestry Division, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service (State & Private Forestry) is accepting applications for the 2008 Western Bark Beetle Initiative Grant Program for state & private lands. **The application must be received in our office on or before August 8, 2008.** The grant program has the following goals: 1) Protect high value trees, 2) Create and maintain healthy stands of trees, 3) Reduce bark beetle attacks and tree mortality, 4) Encourage landowners to implement prevention and restoration projects, 5) Restore and maintain healthy ecosystems, and 6) Reduce fire risk secondarily. Project applications should be prepared as follows:

- The 2008 Western Bark Beetle Initiative Grant Application must be used and may not be altered.
- Project proposals must fit within one of the six categories listed above, and will be scored using the project category criteria shown on page two of the 2008 Criteria and Instructions document.
- Project proposals must address clearly, but briefly, each of the four grant criteria questions.
- Grant funding requires a 50/50 match for federal funds.
- Each project requires a separate application.

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If you have questions, please contact me at (602) 771-1415. If you do not intend on submitting an application, we ask that you email your contact information to bobcelaya@azstatefire.org so that we may keep you current on future grant opportunities.